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SUBJECT: AGREEMENT REACHED TO END UNAM STRIKE

1. AFTER HOVERING FIVE DAYS ON THE VERGE OF SETTLEMENT WITH THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (UNAM) AUTHORITIES, LEADERS OF THE TEACHERS' UNION (SPAUNAM) ANNOUNCED EARLY MORNING JUNE 24 THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED TO END THE STRIKE BEGUN JUNE 16. UNAM SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO COMMENT ON AGREEMENT, AND SPAUNAM DID NOT GIVE SETTLEMENT DETAILS.

2. AGREEMENT PROBABLY IS SIMILAR TO TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT REACHED JUNE 20, WHICH BROKE DOWN WHEN DETAILS WERE REVEALED PREMATURELY TO EMBARRASSMENT OF SPAUNAM NEGOTIATORS, WHO APPARENTLY HAD ACCEPTED UNAM OFFER OF 16 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE (40 PERCENT DEMANDED) AND SOME FUZZY LANGUAGE IN DOCUMENT OUTLINING WORKING CONDITIONS OF THE TEACHERS (IN LIEU OF A GENUINE COLLECTIVE CONTRACT).

3. COMMENT: AFTER FIRST DAY OF STRIKE VIOLENCE WAS NOT A SERIOUS THREAT AND SOME CLASSES CONTINUED. UNAM RECTOR GUILLERMO SOBERON OBVIOUSLY MANAGED A POTENTIALLY DIFFICULT SITUATION TO HIS CREDIT.

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